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Media Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Friday December 7th, 2001

Midwest Election Officials Conference

DATE: December 9 - 12

WHAT: *Midwest Election Officials Conference*

Featured topics will include the Florida 2000 election experience, counting ballots, voter outreach, recruiting and training local election board works and Congressmen Bob Ney (R-OH), author of the "Help America Vote Act of 2001" will give an overview of federal election reform issues. A complete conference agenda is attached.

WHERE: Westin Crown Center
Kansas City, Missouri

WHO: County and state election officials from Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, and Iowa

CONTACT: If you are interested in attending sessions at the conference or have questions, please contact Jesse Borjon, Public Relations Director (785) 296-4580 or (785) 249-0286.

* Complete media release to be distributed on Monday, December 10.

MIDWEST ELECTION OFFICIALS CONFERENCE AGENDA

Sunday, December 9th

4:00 – 8:00 p.m. REGISTRATION CENTER OPENS

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. RECEPTION
Location: Garden Terrace
SPONSOR: Edward D. Jones

Monday, December 10th

8:00 a.m. EXHIBIT BOOTHS OPEN

8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
Location: Century Foyer
SPONSORS: Douglas Election Equipment
Lockwood Company

9:15 – 10:00 a.m. **Opening and Welcome from Secretaries and KC Mayor**
Speakers: Kay Barnes, Kansas City Mayor
Ron Thornburgh, Kansas Secretary of State
Chet Culver, Iowa Secretary of State
John Gale, Nebraska Secretary of State
Dan Ross, Missouri Deputy Secretary of State
Location: Century A

10:00 – 10:45 a.m. **General Session: “Colorado’s Blue Ribbon Panel Takes a Non-Partisan Review of Election Laws From Start to Finish”**
Speaker: Donetta Davidson, Colorado Secretary of State
Location: Century A

10:45 – 11:15 a.m. BREAK
Location: Century Foyer
SPONSORS: VoteHere Inc.
Dunn & Bradstreet

11:15 a.m. – 12:00 noon **General Session: “The Legal Implications of Voting Reform”**

***Speaker: Bonnie Campbell, Former Iowa Attorney General;
Attorney at Law, Washington,DC***
Location: Century A

12:15 – 1:45 p.m.

LUNCH & SENATE PANEL
Location: Century C
SPONSORS: access Kansas
Nebraska Online
MicroVote Corp.

2:15 – 3:00 p.m.

General Session: “‘The Real’ Florida Story”
***Speaker: Jane Carroll, Retired Broward County,
Florida Elections Supervisor***
Location: Century A

3:00 – 3:30 p.m.

BREAK
Location: Century Foyer
SPONSORS: Wells Blue Bunny
Fidlar Doubleday

3:30 – 4:45 p.m.

**General Session: “Living in an Era Where People Want More &
Less Government at the Same Time”**
Speaker: Mark Towers
Location: Century A

4:45 p.m.

Free Time

Tuesday, December 11th

8:00 a.m.

Exhibit Booths Open

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
Location: Century Foyer
SPONSORS: Global Election Systems
Missouri Press Services

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Breakout Session “A”
**Session: Appetizers to Desserts: Learn the Course Meals to
Recruiting, Training, and Retaining Volunteers**
Speaker: Karen Saunders, USA Red Cross
Location: Pershing North (A, B, & C)

Session: Democracy in Action for Young Voters
Speakers: Karen Scates, Kids Voting USA

Dick Filling, Pennsylvania Elections

Location: Pershing West (A, B, & C)

Session: The Good, the Chad, and the Ugly: Media Basics for Election Day

Speaker: Kay Albowicz, National Association of Secretaries of State

Location: Pershing South (A & D; B – Pershing East)

Session: What Others Had to Say: Making Sense of Election Reform Reports

Speaker: Tracy Warren, Election Reform Initiative

Location: Roanoke (A, C & D)

Session: Votoj! Glasi! Stimme! Vote! How to Get Involved in International Elections

Speakers: Amy Naccarato, Utah Elections

Paul DeGregorio, International Foundation Election System

Location: Pershing East (A, C, & D)

10:15 – 11:15 a.m.

Breakout Session “B”

Session: Appetizers to Desserts: Learn the Course Meals to Recruiting, Training, and Retaining Volunteers

Speaker: Karen Saunders, USA Red Cross

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Location: Pershing South (A & D; B – Pershing East)

Session: You’re a Winner

Speaker: Julie Burney

Location: Pershing South (B & C)

Session: Paint-by-Number to Picasso: Strategic Planning and Documentation

Speaker: Tom Wilkey, New York State Board of Elections

Location: Roanoke (B; D – Pershing West)

11:30 a.m. – 12:45p.m. LUNCH

Keynote Speaker: Congressmen Bob Ney, State of Ohio

Location: Century C

SPONSORS: ES&S

West Group

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Breakout Session “C”

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2:00 – 2:30 p.m.

BREAK

Location: Century Foyer

SPONSORS: Sequoia Voting Systems

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2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

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3:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Free Time

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

SOCIAL HOUR

Location: Century Foyer

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

**BANQUET *Banquet Speaker: Roger Welch –
“A Couple of Lessons from the Pioneers”***

Location: Century C

SPONSOR: Infinitec

Wednesday, December 12th

8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

BREAKFAST

Location: Washington Park Place

SPONSOR: Accenture

Election.com

9:30 a.m.

General Session: “They Who Laugh, Last”

Speaker: Juli Burney

(Location: Century A)

11:00 a.m.

Closing Remarks from Secretaries

Secretaries: Ron Thornburgh, KS; Chet Culver, IA;

John Gale, NE; Dan Ross, MO Deputy